

**Minutes - APPROVED**  
**Education Advisory Committee**  
**April 18, 2016**  
**City Hall**

**Attendees**

<u>Members</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Tricia Homer, <i>Dist 1</i>		<u>X</u>
Charlene Mahoney, <i>Dist 2</i>		<u>X</u>
Dawn Powers, <i>Dist 2</i>	<u>X</u>	
Melissa Day, <i>Dist 3</i>		<u>X</u>
Carolyn Bernache, <i>Dist 4</i>	<u>X</u>	
Doris Ellis, <i>Dist 4</i>	<u>X</u>	
Alethea Ten Eyck-Sanders, <i>Dist 3</i>	<u>X</u>	
Peggy Wilson, <i>UMD</i>	<u>X</u>	

**Also Present:**

Laura Salers, Contract Secretary

**Call to Order**

Ms. Bernache called the meeting to order at 7:39 pm.

**Approval of Minutes**

Copies of the March 21 meeting minutes were distributed for review. Ms. Powers made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Motion was seconded by Ms. Ten Eyck-Sanders. Minutes unanimously approved.

**Old Business**

**Update on the Grant recommendations:**

Ms. Bernache reported that she and Ms. Higgins attended the City Council meeting to support the EAC recommendations and answer City Council questions. After some discussion among City Council members and the EAC representatives, Councilman Cook moved to table the discussion until a future date. No decision was made by the City Council. Ms. Bernache will represent the EAC at the next meeting of the City Council and invited EAC members to join her if they were able.

**Discussion of Essay Contest:**

The EAC discussed sponsoring an essay contest. After some discussion and brainstorming, Mrs. Bernache made a motion that the EAC will sponsor an essay contest among 2016 UMCP summer camp scholarship awardees. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wilson and unanimously approved. Details of the essay contest are as follows:

- Topic: "My Summer Camp Experience at the University of Maryland"

- Winners will receive a stipend to apply toward 2017 UMCP summer camp tuition.
- A First Place and Second Place winner will be selected from essays in each of the following age groups: Elementary K-5, Middle 6-8, High School 9-11.
- Essays for Elementary K-5 must be 50 words or less and can include illustrations.
- Essays for Middle School must be 100-150 words.
- Essays for High School must be 200-250 words.
- Stipends will be awarded in the amount of \$200 for First Place and \$100 for Second Place. In the event that no entries are received for any one age group, a Third Place winner will be awarded \$100 in each of the remaining two categories.
- Think-Abouts for the essay: Why did you choose this camp? What did you learn at camp? What was the most memorable activity or experience you had at camp? Would you recommend this camp to a friend and why?
- The deadline for submitting an essay will be set after consulting with Ms. Higgins. It is expected to be in August.
- Language to include in essay contest cover letter: Essays will be judged on content and the EAC would like minimal grammatical and content editing from parents. Also, each finalist will be invited to attend a City Council meeting to read their essays, receive certificates and be awarded their camp tuition vouchers.

**Adjournment:** Ms. Wilson made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Ms. Bernache. Meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm.